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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

Celine X. Qian Ph.D.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 35,39,40,42-50,52-54,57-73,79 and 80 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 35,39,40,42-50,52-54,57-73,79 and 80 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 35, 39, 40, 42-50, 52-54, 57-73, 79-80 are pending in the application.

This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed on 3/7/05.

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on 3/7/05 has been entered.

The finality of the office action mailed on 10/6/04 has been withdrawn in view of the new ground of rejection discussed below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 35, 39, 40, 42-50, 52-54, 57-73, 79-80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The claims are drawn to a method for producing a recombinant glycoprotein comprising N-glycan structure that comprises a specific structures in a lower eukaryotic host cell. The claimed method recites that the hybrid glycosylation enzyme comprises a catalytic domain having pH optimum within 1.4 units of the average optimum of glycosylation-related enzymes in golgi or ER, or between pH 5.1-8. The specification teaches that selecting an glycosylation enzyme with appropriate pH is an important step in successfully practice the claimed method.

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The specification teaches that previous research utilizing enzymes around pH 5.0 does not achieve the with protein with sufficient desired N-glycan structure (see page 21). Choi et al. is a reference provided by Applicant to demonstrate that the teaching of the specification is sufficient to enable one skilled in the art to practice the method. This reference also indicates that proper combination of the catalytic domain and leader sequence is important to practice the claimed method. This reference also teach that fungal mannosidase (*P. citrinium* and *A. nidulans* with acidic pH optima generally results in low yield of the desired N-glycan structure (see page 5026, 1st col., 3rd paragraph, last two lines). These two enzymes have optimal pH at 5 and 6 respectively. The specification teaches that most active enzymes in ER and golgi have pH between 6.5-7.5. As such, 1.4 units within average pH will be in the range of 5.6-8.4. Based on the teaching of both the specification and art, it appears that enzymes of acidic pH is not a good choice to practice the claimed method. Whether enzymes within this range would result 30% more of desired glycoprotein is unpredictable. Therefore, the claimed method is not enabled for this pH range. Applicant is advised to amend the claims to recite a pH range according to the teaching of the specification and prior art to practice the method as claimed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Celine X. Qian Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0777. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Remy Yucel Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0781. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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